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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE TO AFRICA: LUSAKA SCHEDULE III

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1. AMBASSADOR SAW FONMIN BANDA AT 1700 APRIL 6 TO EXPLAIN DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN BECAUSE SCHEDULE AFTER OUR FIRST MEETING WITH CHIEF OF PROTOCOL STILL VAGUE AND UNCERTAIN, PENDING REFERRAL TO HIMSELF AND PRESIDENT KAUNDA. BANDA IMMEDIATELY PHONED STATE HOUSE, GOT AN APPOINTMENT WITH KAUNDA AT 1815 AND CAME TO RESIDENCE AT 2000 WITH RESULTS HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT AS FOLLOWS:

2. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ZAMBIANS WILL USE DEPARTMENT'S REVISED SCHEDULE FOR SHORTER VISIT, TO COMMENCE APRIL 26 WITH ARRIVAL, ENDING WITH DEPARTURE FROM LIVINGSTONE FOR KINSHASA APRIL 27, ALTHOUGH THEY HOPEFUL SECRETARY WILL DECIDE TO REST IN LIVINGSTONE AND DEPART FOR KINSHASA EARLY MORNING APRIL 28.

3. PRESIDENT KAUNDA HAS ACCEPTED VISIT TO MAPUTO, DEPARTING APRIL 20 AND RETURNING APRIL 26, CUTTING MOZAMBIKAN INVITATION SHORT BY ONE DAY SO AS TO BE BACK IN ZAMBIA FOR SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL.

4. DECISION TAKEN BY KAUNDA AS RESULT HIS MEETING WITH BANDA
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THIS EVENING TO POSTPONE RULING PARTY'S NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

BY ONE DAY AND THUS FREE TIME FROM RECEPTION KAUNDA HAD PLANNED FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATES AT STATE HOUSE EVENING OF SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL APRIL 26. FREEING THIS EVENING WILL NOW ALLOW FOREIGN MINISTER TO HOST LARGE RECEPTION AT INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL BALLROOM EVENING OF APRIL 26 AT 1930 OR 2000, DEPENDING ON SECRETARY'S PREFERENCE, WHICH FONMIN SOLICITS. RECEPTION WOULD LAST ONE HOUR AT CONCLUSION OF WHICH SECRETARY WOULD BE ASKED TO EXCHANGE TOAST AND MAKE BRIEF REMARKS IN LIGHT VEIN, LEAVING MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH FOR FOLLOWING DAY. RECEPTION WOULD BE ATTENDED BY LOCAL DIPLOMATIC CORPS, RANKING ZAMBIAN PARTY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND ZAMBIAN DIPLOMATS ALL IN LUSAKA FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING, LEADING PRIVATE CITIZENS, AMERICAN COMMUNITY, AND PRESS. RECEPTION COULD BE FOLLOWED BY PRIVATE DINNER IN SECRETARY'S HOTEL SUITE. FONMIN ASSUMES SECRETARY MAY WISH RETIRE EARLY.

5. ENTIRE MORNING OF APRIL 27 WOULD BE DEVOTED TO SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS AT STATE HOUSE, COMMENCING AT 0900 WITH PRIVATE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA ATTENDED BY FONMIN BANDA, MARK CHONA AND ZAMBIAN AMBASSADOR MWALE. FONMIN NOW SAYS KAUNDA WISHES TO DISCUSS NOT ONLY SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES BUT ZAMBIAN-U.S. RELATIONS IN SMALL, RESTRICTED MEETING LASTING ONE HOUR. THIS WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY LARGER MEETING AT 1000 AT WHICH RANKING ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT AND PARTY OFFICIALS WOULD ATTEND.

6. LUNCH AT STATE HOUSE HOSTED BY KAUNDA AND LIMITED TO PARTICIPANTS IN LARGE MEETING WOULD FOLLOW. IMMEDIATELY AT CONCLUSION OF LUNCHEON PRESS WOULD BE INVITED IN AN SECRETARY BE ASKED TO DELIVER HIS MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT ON U.S. AND SOUTHERN AFRICA.

7. FOLLOWING LUNCHEON AT AROUND 1300 SECRETARY AND PARTY WOULD LEAVE BY MOTORCADE FOR AIRPORT AND ENPLANE FOR LIVINGSTONE. FONMIN BANDA ACCOMPANIED BY HIS PERMSEC NGONDA, FOUR RANKING OFFICERS OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND ZAMBIAN AMBASSADOR MWALE WOULD CONSTITUTE SECRETARY'S OFFICIAL ESCORT TO LIVINGSTONE. TWO HOUR TOUR OF VICTORIA FALLS, NATIVE MARKET AND MUSEUM WOULD FOLLOW.

8. WHEN I COMMENTED THAT IT WOULD BE A LONG DAY AND SECRETARY
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WAS ACCUSTOMED TO BREAKS FOR PERSONAL TIME, BANDA MERELY LAUGHED, SAID, "THAT'S THE WAY WE DO IT HERE". CONFIDENTLY ADDED HE KNEW SECRETARY WOULD BE UP TO IT. WE AGAIN QUESTIONED NON-STOP DAY TO WHICH BANDA REPLIED THAT HE HOPED SECRETARY WOULD DECIDE TO SPEND EVENING IN LIVINGSTONE AND LEAVE FOR KINSHASA EARLY NEXT DAY. WE DISCOURAGED THIS BECAUSE ARRANGEMENTS AND INSTALLATIONS ALREADY SET UP AT HOTEL IN LUSAKA, IF SECRETARY WERE TO FAVOR SECOND NIGHT IN ZAMBIA.

MOREOVER, I SAID THOUGHT BEING GIVEN TO SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL IN KINSHASA EVENING OF APRIL 27. BANDA NOTED THAT REPRESENTED CHANGE FROM ORIGINAL PROPOSAL WHICH HAD SECRETARY IN ZAMBIA EVENING OF APRIL 27.

9. WHILE ZAMBIANS WANT TO BE GRACIOUS IN URGING SECRETARY TO STAY TWO NIGHTS IN ZAMBIA, FIRST IN LUSAKA AND SECOND IN LIVINGSTONE, THIS ARRANGEMENT COMPLICATES LOCAL PROGRAM UNDULY WITH HOTEL SHIFTS AND WE DO NOT RPT NOT RECOMMEND IT. IF SECRETARY NOT YET COMMITTED TO GO TO KINSHASA APRIL 27, IT MIGHT BE EASIER FOR HIM TO RETURN FROM LIVINGSTONE TO LUSAKA, SPEND SECOND NIGHT AT INTERCONTINENTAL AND LEAVE FOR KINSHASA AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED AT 0900 APRIL 28. THIS AVOIDS ANY OFFENSE TO LOCAL SENSITIVITIES BY CUTTING VISIT SHORT AND THE APPEARANCE OF HURRYING OFF TO MEET WITH MOBUTU. IT ALSO GIVES SECRETARY A FRESH START BEFORE ARRIVING IN KINSHASA. WE URGE MAKING THIS SLIGHT CONCESSION OF STAYING TWO NIGHTS HERE BECAUSE OF BANDA'S REPEATED STATEMENTS TO US ON HOW IMPORTANT ZAMBIANS CONSIDER SECRETARY'S VISIT PLUS FACT OF KAUNDA CUTTING SHORT HIS VISIT TO MAPUTO AND POSTPONING NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING BOTH TO ACCOMMODATE SECRETARY'S VISIT WITHIN WASHINGTON'S SUGGESTED TIME FRAME.
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